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**TEXAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED USE OF A DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in Austin this afternoon, 27-year-old Paul Ross Evans pleaded guilty to attempting to use an explosive incendiary bomb on the Austin Women's Health Center in April. Per the plea agreement, Evans faces 40 years in federal prison.

"Mr. Evans placed a live bomb packed with nails in a place where he knew people would be hurt or killed when it went off. Through good police work and a little luck Mr. Evans plan was prevented," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

By pleading guilty, Evans admitted that on April 24, 2007, he purchased an assortment of materials from a hardware store in Lufkin, Texas. Later that day, he purchased the rest of the materials he used to make a bomb from a retail outlet in Austin. The following day, Evans placed the device in the parking lot of the Austin Women's Health Center near the entrance to the clinic and set the timer. Federal and local law enforcement responding to a call of a suspicious package, determined that the package, in fact, contained an explosive device. Further investigation revealed that the bomb, containing approximately two pounds of 1-inch nails, failed to detonate because the triggering wire did not make contact with the explosive material.

Evans remains in federal custody. No sentencing date has been scheduled.

This case was investigated by the Joint Terrorism Task Force, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Austin Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Mark Roomberg, Gerald C. Carruth and Michelle Fernald are prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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